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We always teach our pupils that whatever is *necessary* for a nurse to do, no matter what that is, is the proper thing for her to do. We never hear the matter discussed.

Every nurse has a right, I believe, to become indignant at unnecessary exposure, whether the patient is a man or a woman.

Personally I feel just as indignant at having a woman patient unnecessarily exposed before a doctor as I do at having a man patient unnecessarily exposed before a nurse. D.

THE FAMILY DIPPER.

DEAR EDITOR: I should like to make a suggestion to nurses who are anxious to help stamp out the white plague. How many of us give a thought to the bucket of drinking water that stands on the kitchen table of a country house, night and day, with a dipper in it, so that if any one wants a drink he may help himself? I have been in families where I know there has been consumption and, until I had put a stop to such a disgusting plan, every one was drinking out of the same dipper, and putting it back in the pail without washing it off.

I think if every nurse would do her duty in telling people the danger of this, it would do a great deal toward controlling the disease. I never have any trouble in making people follow my suggestion of pouring the water from the dipper into a glass and then washing the glass after drinking. It takes only a little time, and might save many a life. I have an idea that many nurses do the same thing themselves, because they are in a hurry. E. C.

LIVING CONDITIONS IN ARIZONA.

[A number of inquiries have been received at the editorial office of late in regard to nursing conditions in Arizona. The writer of this letter was asked to describe conditions as she finds them.—ED.]

DEAR EDITOR: I shall do my best to comply with your request for a letter telling how I happen to be down in this part of our country and something of conditions here.

With the class of 1904 I was graduated from the Farrand Training School, Detroit, and after doing both private and institutional work there, and in Alabama, I came, in 1908, to Douglas, Arizona, to be with my sister, nursing only when so urged that I cannot well refuse.

In order that you may understand better the conditions of living and nursing I must tell you a little about the location of Douglas. It is situated on a plateau of about 4000 feet elevation which, like the rest of this western country, is very productive when irrigated, but quite barren otherwise. However, during July and August, the rainy season, the fields are quite attractive with yellow and purple wild flowers and very fragrant acacia. Except for a few scattered weeks during the winter the days are warm and the sun bright, while the nights are cool. Just before the rainy season begins, when there is rain nearly every afternoon, there are usually a few hot nights. In the spring, high winds accompanied by dust are frequent. The autumn and winter here are certainly delightful; but I am not so well pleased with late spring and early summer. The mountains surrounding the valley are a never-ending source of delight and the sunsets are most glorious.